

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/EP2004/002080**, filed **2 March 2004**, which designated the U.S. and claims priority of **IT MO2003 A 000191**, filed **26 June 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 7, as follows:

Moreover, the invention concerns a method for aesthetically harmonising covering ~~means~~ arrangements of functional non-architectural elements with the buildings in which the latter are comprised.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2 line 31, as follows:

According to a first aspect of the invention, there is provided an apparatus, comprising a covering ~~means~~ arrangement suitable for covering a water tank which can be mounted onto an -external portion of a building, said covering ~~means~~ arrangement being made in the shape of an architectural component, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said apparatus further comprises an angular positioning ~~means~~ device so configured as to keep said tank in a substantially vertical position.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 13, as follows:

According to a second aspect of the invention, there is provided an apparatus, comprising a covering means-arrangement suitable for covering a component of an air-conditioning system which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building, said covering ~~means-arrangement~~ being made in the shape of an architectural component.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 23, as follows:

According to a third aspect of the invention, there is provided a method, comprising:

- reproducing a selected part of a building to get an image therefrom on a layer means~~element~~;
- applying said layer element onto a support-supporting surface ~~means-element~~ surrounding a functional non-architectural element.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 8, as follows:

When the apparatus 1 is shaped like a chimney cap C or a skylight L, in the latter the tank 2 is kept in a vertical position by means of a fixing means-device described below.

When the apparatus 1 is shaped like an attic skylight M, the tank 2 is spread horizontally and is fixed to the roof T with prior-art fixing ~~means-elements~~ that is-are not shown.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 14, as follows:

In Figure 6, the tank 2, accommodated inside the apparatus 1 made in the shape of a chimney cap C, is stably positioned by angular positioning ~~means~~ devices comprising an adjustable angular positioning ~~element~~ device 9, ~~having~~ which is quadrilateral quadrilateral-shaped and ~~comprising~~ comprises a hollow base portion 10 that is ~~made integral with~~ fixed to the sloping part S of the roof T by means of prior-art fixing ~~meanselements~~, that are not shown. On the base portion 10 a movable portion 10' is hinged by means of a hinge 11, said movable portion 10' having a shape and dimensions such as it can be retractably inserted inside said base portion 10. The movable portion 10' furthermore comprises a circular opening 60, arranged horizontally to receive a generally convex end portion 13 of the tank 2. Inside the movable portion 10', concave ~~step~~ abutting elements 12 are inserted that are arranged to receive the end portion 13.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 29, as follows:

In use, after fixing an anchoring ~~base~~ basal face 70 of the base portion 10 to the sloping part S, the movable portion 10' is made to rotate on the hinge 11 until it reaches a desired position P, wherein the movable portion 10' is orthogonal as regards a longitudinal axis X of the tank 2. The latter can then be inserted into the movable portion 10' with the end portion 13 resting on the ~~step~~ abutting elements 12. In this way, the longitudinal axis X of the tank 2 can be kept vertical regardless of the angle of inclination of the sloping part S. The adjustable angular positioning ~~element~~ device 9 can also be used for the apparatus 1 made in the shape of a skylight L.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 6, as follows:

Note that the structure of the above disclosed angular positioning ~~means~~-device enables a tank 2 to be mounted on sloping parts S that have inclinations comprised within a wide range of values.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 10, as follows:

In Figure 7, a further adjustable angular positioning ~~element~~-device 14 is provided that is arranged to stably position the tank 2 ~~accommodated~~-housed in the apparatus 1 in the shape of a chimney cap C, on the ridge K of the roof T. The further adjustable angular positioning ~~element~~-device 14 comprises a pair of further movable portions 15, 15' between which a hollow ~~support~~-supporting portion 16 is comprised. The ~~support~~-supporting portion 16 has dimensions that enable it to be retractably housed into the further movable portions 15, 15' and furthermore comprises a circular opening 50, arranged horizontally to receive the end portion 13 of the tank 2. Inside the ~~support~~-supporting portion 16 ~~stop~~-abutting elements 12 are arranged that are shapingly coupled with the end portion 13.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 23, as follows:

The further movable portions 15, 15' are hinged on the ~~support~~-supporting portion 16 by means of relative hinges 11, the axes of which run parallel in an approximately middle

portion of the ~~support-supporting~~ portion 16. In this way, the further movable portions 15, 15' are set in mutually opposite directions.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 28, as follows:

In use, after horizontally positioning the ~~support-supporting~~ portion 16 of the further adjustable angular positioning ~~element-device~~ 14 straddling the ridge K, the further movable portions 15, 15' are made to rotate until a further ~~base-anchoring~~ basal face 80, 80' of the latter is brought into contact with the respective opposite sloping parts S, S'. In this way, the further adjustable angular positioning ~~element-device~~ 14 can be adapted to the width of an angle H of the ridge K, so as to enable the ~~support-supporting~~ portion 16 to take up a horizontal position and thus keeping the longitudinal axis X of the tank 2 in a vertical position.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 5, as follows:

The further adjustable portions 15, 15' are then ~~made integral with~~ fixed to the sloping parts S, S' by prior-art fixing ~~means-elements~~ that are not shown and the tank 2 is inserted into the ~~support-supporting~~ portion 16, with the end portion 13 resting on the ~~stop-abutting~~ elements 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 10, as follows:

Figures 9 to 13 show a ~~yet-still~~ further adjustable angular positioning ~~element-device~~ 90, that is arranged to stably position the tank 2 accommodated in the apparatus 1 in the

shape of a chimney cap (not shown). The still further adjustable angular positioning ~~element-device~~ 90 comprises a substantially rectangle-shaped anchoring plate 91 whose further anchoring ~~base-basal~~ face 92 can be fixed to the sloping part S, shown by means of a broken line.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 18, as follows:

A further base portion 93 leads away from an approximately central portion of the anchoring plate 91, said further base portion 93 having a longitudinal section that is substantially shaped as a circular sector. In two opposite side faces 98 of the further base portion 93 a curved plate 94 is provided, in which a plurality of holes 97 is obtained. A ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95 is hinged to the further base portion 93 by means of a hinge 11, said yet further movable portion 95 having a shape and dimensions that enable it, when rotating along the hinge 11, to partially cover the further base portion 93. In two opposite further side faces 100 of the yet further movable portion 95 further holes 99 are obtained, which are level with the holes 97 of the further base portion 93. The ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95 furthermore comprises a square opening 96, arranged horizontally to receive an end portion, not shown, of the tank 2. Inside the ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95, concave ~~step-abutting~~ elements 12 are inserted that are arranged to receive the end portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9 line 3, as follows:

In use, after fixing the further anchoring ~~base~~basal face 92 of the anchoring plate 91 to the sloping part S by means of prior art fixing ~~meanselements~~, that ~~is~~are not shown, the ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95 is made to rotate on the hinge 11 until it reaches a desired position Q, wherein the ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95 is at right angles to the longitudinal axis X of the tank 2. The position Q, once reached, can be kept by inserting prior art fixing ~~meanselements~~, that ~~is~~are not shown, through the further holes 99 and the corresponding holes 97.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9 line 12, as follows:

The tank 2 can then be inserted into the ~~yet-still~~ further movable portion 95 with the end portion resting on the ~~stop~~abutting elements 12. In this way, the longitudinal axis X of the tank 2 can be kept vertical regardless of the angle of inclination of the sloping part S.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9 line 17, as follows:

In Figure 8 a fixed angular positioning element 17 is provided, usable to stably position on the sloping part S the tank 2 accommodated in the apparatus 1 made in the shape of a chimney cap C or a skylight L. The fixed angular positioning element 17 is made in the shape of a quadrilateral having a triangular longitudinal section and a circular opening 40 arranged horizontally to accommodate the end portion 13. In use, a ~~base~~basal face 18 of the fixed angular positioning element 17 opposite the circular opening is ~~made integral with~~fixed to the sloping part S by prior-art fixing ~~means~~elements that are not

shown. The end portion 13 is then inserted in the circular opening 40 and is rotated in the latter until the tank 2 reaches a position wherein the longitudinal axis X of the latter is arranged vertically.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9 line 31, as follows:

It is pointed out that the vertical attitude of the tank 2 which is obtainable through the angular positioning ~~elements~~ devices (9; 14; 17; 90) shown in Figures 6-13 enables a more effective heat exchange to be achieved.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10 line 1, as follows:

As shown in Figure 14, also a non-architectural functional element other than the tank 2, for example an external unit 19 of an air-conditioning system Z, can be housed inside the apparatus 1. The external unit 19, ~~made integral with~~ fixed to the sloping part S by means of prior-art fixing ~~meanselements~~, that ~~is~~ are not shown, is ~~accommodated~~ housed inside the apparatus 1 made for example in the shape of a chimney cap C. In the latter, walls 6 that are opposite one another and are situated near a fan 30 of the external unit 19 each comprise a grille 20 for enabling air to be taken from the external environment. In an alternative embodiment, that is not shown, intended for external units of air-conditioning systems provided with fans having a vertically arranged axis, the apparatus 1 can be made in the shape of a chimney cap C having an open top end, which may be provided with a grille. In this way it is for example possible to provide an

air-conditioning system for buildings subject to artistic protective constraints and which cannot therefore accommodate external structures that are aesthetically disturbing.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12 line 3, as follows:

Moreover, according to the method provided by the invention, it becomes possible to harmonise any kind of covering ~~means~~ arrangements of non-architectural elements with the building onto which the elements, and the respective covering ~~means~~ arrangements, are mounted. This result can be achieved by reproducing onto the covering ~~means~~ arrangements, in a substantially inexpensive manner, the architectural style occurring in the respective building.